

CLAIM AMENDMENTS:

1-40 (cancelled)

41. (currently amended) The dispenser of ~~claim 40~~ ~~claim 47~~, further comprising means, disposed at an end of said elongated receptacle facing away from said dispensing location, cooperating with said slider to arrest said slider for loading the capillaries into said elongated receptacle.
42. (currently amended) The dispenser of ~~claim 40~~ ~~claim 47~~, wherein said bottom defines a longitudinal slot, wherein said slider comprises a guiding pin disposed in said longitudinal slot, a helical spring borne on said guiding pin, and a carriage cooperating with said guiding pin and said helical spring.
43. (previously presented) The dispenser of claim 47, further comprising means for winding and unwinding the capillaries with the adhesive tape about an axle, said winding and unwinding means having a helical spring acting on said axle, for loading into said receptacle.
44. (previously presented) The dispenser of claim 47, wherein said dispensing location is structured for removal of the capillaries from the dispenser in axial directions thereof.
45. (currently amended) The dispenser of ~~claim 40~~ ~~claim 47~~, wherein said dispensing location has at least one discharge opening which is

disposed at a level of the capillaries and which penetrates through at least one of said first side wall and said second side wall.

46. (previously presented) The dispenser of claim 45, wherein a diameter of said discharge opening corresponds approximately to a diameter of the capillaries.

47. (currently amended) A dispenser for a plurality of individual capillaries, each capillary having a capillary length and a capillary outer diameter, the plurality of capillaries bonded to an adhesive tape to be substantially parallel to each other, the capillaries disposed transverse to a longitudinal extension of the adhesive tape and projecting past the tape at both ends of the capillaries, the dispenser comprising:

a bottom;
a first side wall ~~cooperating with adjacent to~~ said bottom;
a second side wall ~~cooperating with adjacent to~~ said bottom and extending substantially parallel to and at a first separation from said first side wall, said first separation being larger than said capillary length; and
a top cooperating with said first and said second side walls and extending substantially parallel to and at a second separation from said bottom, said second separation being greater than said capillary outer diameter, said top having an elongated opening with a width greater than the width of the adhesive tape, wherein said first side wall, said second side wall, and said top are structured, dimensioned and disposed

to define an elongated receptacle into which the capillaries can be inserted while in contact with the adhesive tape, wherein the adhesive tape can then be separated from the capillaries by removal through said elongated opening in said top; and

a resiliently biased slider configured to urge the capillaries in said elongated receptacle towards a dispensing location.

48. (previously presented) The dispenser of claim 47, wherein said elongated opening extends along a central portion of said elongated receptacle.
49. (previously presented) The dispenser of claim 47, wherein said elongated opening consists essentially of a first opening strip and a second opening strip extending substantially parallel to and at a separation from said first opening strip, wherein the adhesive tape consists essentially of a first tape strip which can be removed through said first opening strip and a second tape strip which can be removed through said second opening strip.